GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Testing of Constructions under BADP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any central agency has examined the quality of roads and buildings constructed under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in the country particularly in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, State-wise;

(c) if not, whether the Government has any proposal for the laying of foundation stone and inauguration of such roads/buildings constructed under the above scheme so that people may be informed about the programme and attention could be paid towards the quality;

(d) whether there are report of irregularities and misappropriation of funds
from east Champaran district of Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): The BADP Guidelines (June, 2015) envisages that the State Governments shall develop an institutional system for inspections of the BADP schemes/projects and submit reports to the Department and Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs. Further, each border block should be assigned to a high-ranking State Government Nodal Officers who should regularly visit the block and take responsibility for BADP schemes and that a
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quarterly report should be sent to Ministry of Home Affairs indicating the number of inspections conducted and highlighting the important achievements/lacunae pointed out in the report of the inspecting officers. Third Party Inspections are also to be commissioned by the States for an independent feedback on the quality of work and other relevant issues. An appropriate 'Social Audit System' should also be placed by the State Governments.

Further, District Level Committees under the Chairmanship of District Collector have been made responsible for planning, implementation and monitoring of the BADP works including their Quality and submit a report on quarterly basis to the State Government for onward submission to the Ministry of Home Affairs along with the photos of the works/schemes.

(c): While Government of India frames the guidelines, planning and implementation of BADP is the primary responsibility of the State Governments and any decision in this regard is taken by the State Governments.

(d) and (e): Yes Madam, a complaint was received on 12thMarch, 2012 from the Hon'ble MP regarding misuse of BADP funds in Raxaul block, District East
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Champaran (Bihar) for construction of a road from NH 28 Nahar Chowk via KCTC College to Laxminagar Naika Tola. Since, preparation of Annual Action Plan and execution of schemes/ projects under BADP is primary responsibility of the State Government, the complaint was forwarded to Government of Bihar for an appropriate action. Accordingly, State Government held an enquiry and furnished the Action Taken Report stating that "As per order of the Department of Planning and Development, Bihar, a team of senior Engineers have investigated the scheme. After reviewing the Estimates approved specifications, the team has reported that the work has been carried out as per approved specifications by using approved Sheikhupura metal and Koilvar Sand (Son sand).

Investigation team has further reported that the team has excavated at five places and inspected the Granular Sub-Base (G.S.B.) and no Nepali Goltu stones and Motem metal found anywhere. Thus, the quality of work has been found satisfactory. Based on the Investigation report as well as on the basis of satisfactory work, orders have been issued by the Secretary, Rural Works Department, Govt. of Bihar to complete the work expeditiously"

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